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Dear Mr. Snow:

While El Nino continues to bless us with tornado formations and unprecedented rain fall, it is obvious to all of us that the ground under us is saturated and its fluidization is causing our homes to move closer to the sea. Reservoirs are full and the current rainfall is now of little benefit to any of us. Yet, we worry about the future.

You are certainly aware that population growth is a function of an improving economy; our highly efficient agricultural industry can grow to feed the world, and our ecologists have the legal key to protect the state from excesses. The success of all three is dependent on an abundance of water at an economically sound price.

Locally, Zone 7 is under attack for offering to extend its distribution facilities beyond its defined area of responsibility. We are all concerned that future droughts are inevitable and "just around the corner." Adversaries believed that Zone 7 does not have a sufficient supply of quality water to service a larger area.

I am fearful that the "take from Peter to pay Paul" principle being applied to the Bay-Delta canal project is fraught with serious problems for Northern California, such as Zone 7, unless your agency has found a way of making El Nino a permanent resident of the Bay-Delta watershed.

May I also recommend that you spend a little time on <http://calfed.ca.gov/>. This site could be more useful to the public if reorganized to focus visitors on your story. While your information tree is well prepared, much mouse clicking is necessary in order to find your story.

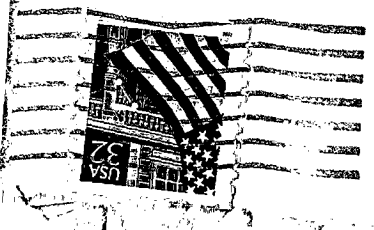
Yours truly



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